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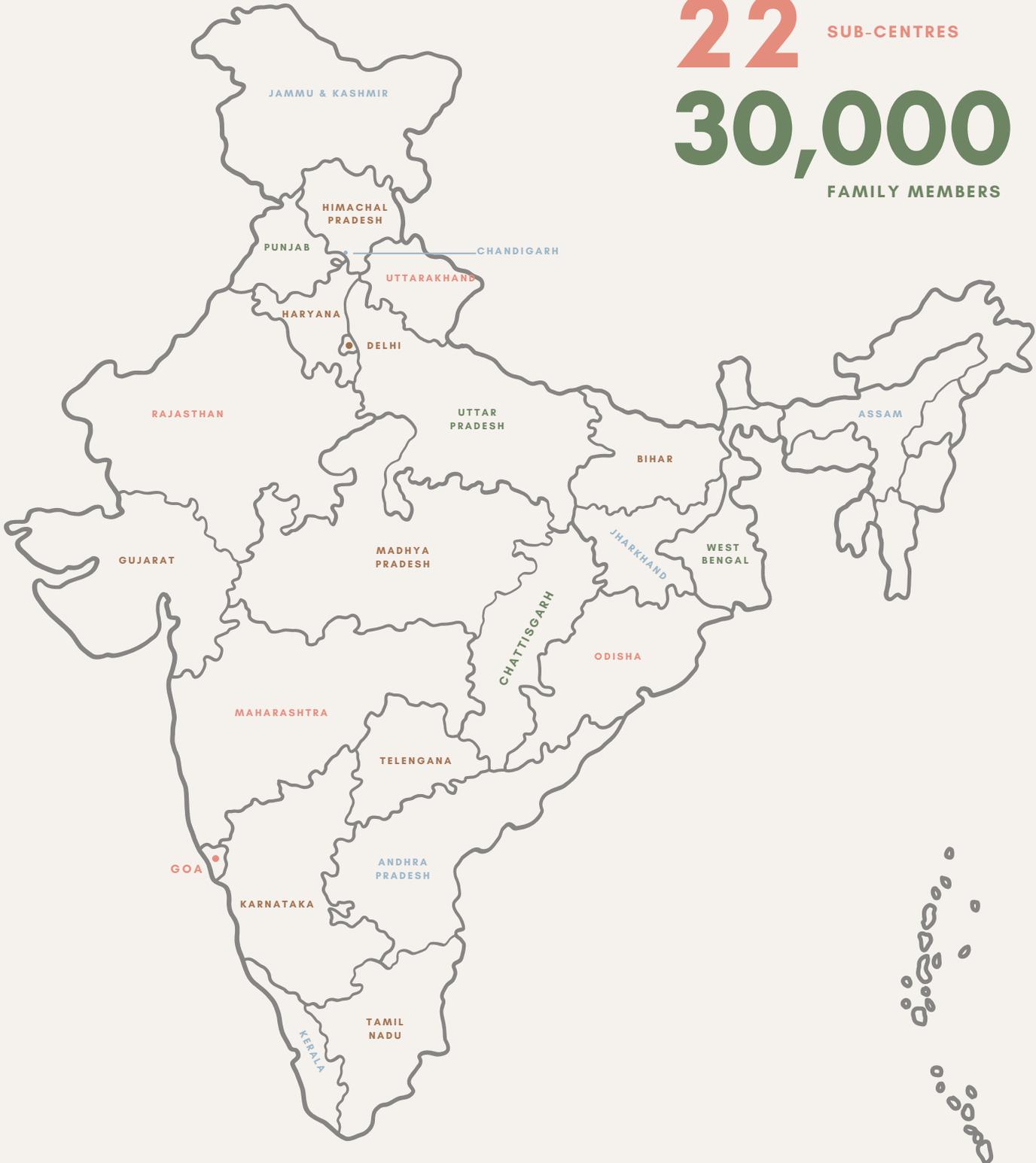
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FOREWORD NOTE

Welcome to the IIA Times!

Why are we launching this? Because architects may speak through their designs, but sometimes, we need a magazine to do the talking too.

This bi-monthly chronicle is your backstage pass to everything IIA has been up to—events, innovations, competitions, and those moments of brilliance (or chaos) that define our profession. Over the past tenure, IIA has been a whirlwind of activity, shaping discourse, fostering talent, and strengthening our architectural community. This issue brings you a roundup of it all—so if you blinked and missed something, we’ve got you covered.

But this is just the beginning. IIA is more than a legacy; it’s a launchpad. With mentorships, networking, design challenges, and thought-provoking discussions, we’re here to fuel the architect in you. Whether you’re sketching your first blueprint or shaping skylines, there’s always more to explore.

So, let’s dive in—celebrate the past, seize the present, and build the future.



SHWETA
BALASUBRAMONI

THE BLUEPRINT OF THE TERM GONE BY 23 - 24

Ladies and gentlemen of the drafting boards, cad /bim world, and forever-in-design projects, let’s take a step back from the serious business of building and zoning to review the year that was!

But not with the usual monotone narrations—this is going to be a News Laundry Special, sprinkled with humor sharper than a fresh HB pencil.

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Architects,
Visionaries, and Keepers of Coffee-Stained
plans ,



TUSHAR
SOGANI

Welcome to The IIA Times, your bi-monthly newsletter, blending insider scoops, professional insights, and a touch of humor. Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Event Highlights:** The who, what, and why from IIA's latest gatherings.
- **Hot Takes & Gossip:** Heated debates and chai-fueled whispers.
- **Offbeat Journeys:** Stories of architects who dared to take the road less traveled.
- **Humor Column:** Because deadlines deserve a laugh.

Enjoy this read with your favorite cup of coffee and a pinch of wit.

Warm regards,
Tushar Sogani
Editor



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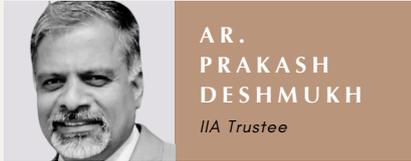
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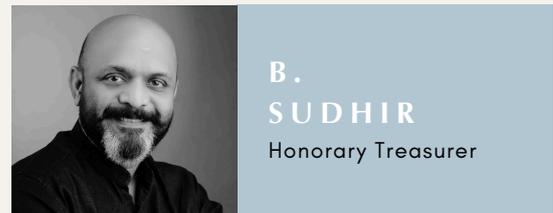
If the Indian Institute of Architects were a symphony, Vilas Vasant Avachat would be its calm and steady conductor. With over 30 years of service to IIA, Vilas isn't just a leader; he's an institution within an institution—a man who has seen it all, built it all, and somehow still finds time to inspire us all.



Known for his strategic mindset and infectious energy, he juggles his roles as a leader, sports enthusiast. The driving force behind IIAPL, Jitendra turned it into the ultimate battleground—both on the cricket field and in committee meetings. Proof that architects don't just build stadiums; they dominate them too!



Known for his ability to turn ideas into unforgettable experiences! A maestro of grandeur, From gala nights to committee meetings, he ensures everything is done with flair—sometimes even with a live performance!



With Sudhir at the helm, IIA's finances are as balanced as a perfect cantilever. Every rupee is accounted for, and he can explain depreciation while charmingly complimenting a saree.



**RANEE M L
VADAMUTHU**
Jt. Honorary Secretary

A visionary in architectural academia, Ranee nurtures young talent, making IIA a welcoming hub for students. Her leadership ensures a dynamic and promising future for Indian architecture



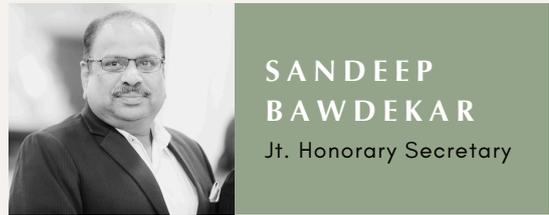
**CHAMARTHI
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RAJU**
IMM Past President

A steady leader, Raju guided IIA with wisdom and grace. Though his term ended, his experience and insights continue to shape IIA's journey forward.



**AKSHAYA
KUMAR
BEURIA**
Jt. Honorary Secretary

He ensures seamless coordination, supports chapters manages events efficiently. His dedication keeps IIA running smoothly, empowering every chapter with unwavering support.



**SANDEEP
BAWDEKAR**
Jt. Honorary Secretary

IIA's legal shield, Sandeep masterfully navigates court cases, ensuring the organization stands strong. While architects design buildings, he builds defenses with equal precision.



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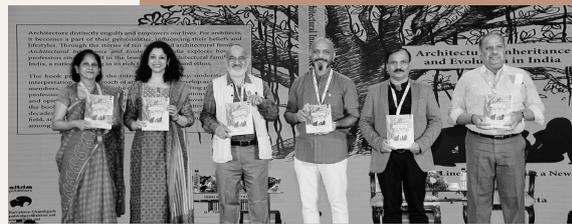
OTHER EVENTS

LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

Shaping India's architectural horizon

The IIA Leadership Conclave in Odisha welcomed the newly elected team of architects with energy, vision, and a spirit of collaboration. Set against Odisha's rich architectural heritage, the event brought together leaders to discuss the future of IIA, share insights, and strengthen ties across chapters.

With engaging discussions, strategic planning, and a touch of Odisha's warm hospitality, the conclave set the stage for a dynamic term ahead. As ideas flowed and connections deepened, the event reinforced IIA's commitment to innovation, mentorship, and collective growth—ensuring the fraternity continues to thrive under its new leadership.



ASIAN CONGRESS (ACA -20)

Boracay Island, Philippines banter and big Ideas

The ARCASIA 20th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA20) took place from September 17-23, 2023, in Boracay, Philippines. This prestigious event united architects and industry experts to explore architecture's future, sustainability, and urban innovation through keynote sessions and discussions, all set within Boracay's stunning backdrop, promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange.



RAJASTHAN ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL

Where Desert Dreams and Stone Sagas Meet, One Sandstone at a Time!"

The Rajasthan Architecture Festival 2023 was a landmark event celebrating architectural innovation and cultural heritage, held in the vibrant city of Jaipur. Featuring eminent speakers from India and across Asia, the festival showcased captivating presentations and engaging panel discussions on contemporary and traditional architectural practices.

Attendees included renowned architects, designers, and architecture enthusiasts who explored sustainable design, urban planning, and restoration techniques. The grandeur of the event was highlighted by stunning exhibitions and interactive workshops, fostering networking and collaboration. This year's festival not only honored Rajasthan's rich architectural legacy but also inspired future generations to envision sustainable urban landscapes.



DESIGN SYMPHONY

Blueprints and Bhangra Collide, Creating Architectural Rhythms!"

The Punjab Design Symphony 2023 brought together architects and designers to celebrate innovative design and regional creativity. Featuring workshops, keynote speeches, and panel discussions, the event fostered collaboration and networking. It highlighted Punjab's architectural heritage while exploring contemporary trends, inspiring professionals to integrate tradition with modern design practices.





IIAPL GOLF SEASON 2

A Hole-in-One Event by IIA Jammu and Kashmir

The Indian Institute of Architects Jammu and Kashmir (IIA J&K) hosted IIAPL Golf Season 2, where architects traded blueprints for birdies. The green became their canvas—some swings were masterful, others... more “abstract.”

With sport, strategy, and a few “architectural hazards” like unexpected bunkers, camaraderie thrived. Smooth drives, creative putts, and plenty of laughs proved architects don’t just design skylines—they design great moments too.

A true hole-in-one event, IIAPL Golf Season 2 built memories that will last well beyond the 18th hole!



IIAPL SAMBAJINAGAR

The IIA-PL (Indian Institute of Architects Premier League)



Designing Dreams by Day, Slamming Sixes by Night: IIA-PL Takes the Field

Welcome to the Indian Institute of Architects Premier League (IIAPL), where architects traded blueprints for bats and project deadlines for exciting matches. As the sun set over Sambhajinagar, cricket, badminton, and table tennis stole the show, leaving audiences breathless and cheering for seniors who expertly smashed shuttlecocks—sometimes into the next zip code!

After the thrilling competition, the team explored the awe-inspiring Ellora Caves, marveling at ancient sculptures while the seniors showcased their surprising stamina. IIAPL was a true celebration of teamwork and sportsmanship, proving architects excel both in design and play!"

THE MAHACON

Western Region Conference



Hosted by IIA Akola, the Western Region Conference was a dynamic mix of innovation, networking, and, of course, endless chai.

Delegates navigated Akola's famed hospitality (and a few GPS misadventures) before diving into spirited discussions. From sustainable skyscrapers to apocalypse-proof forts, ideas flowed as architects debated cutting-edge trends. Some scribbled notes furiously, while others enjoyed well-timed vada pav breaks.

Balancing knowledge and camaraderie, MAHACON left attendees inspired, motivated, and armed with too many business cards. Kudos to IIA Akola for an event that blended architecture, humor, and Maharashtra's warmth in perfect harmony!



IIA NATIONAL CONVENTION, LUCKNOW

Where tradition met Innovation

The IIA National Conference 2024 (NATCON) in Lucknow was an architectural mehfal, where heritage met modernity in a perfect Tehzeeb-meets-tech fusion. Set in the City of Nawabs, the event radiated a royal charm while showcasing the cutting edge of design and innovation.

NATCON wasn't just a conference—it was an experience. The Ram Mandir presentation stood out, captivating attendees with its intricate detailing, cultural symbolism, and breathtaking scale. One student murmured, "This puts my thesis project to shame," while architects scribbled notes faster than ever. By the end, a pilgrimage to admire its craftsmanship felt like a necessity.

The conference's highlight? With its intricate detailing, cultural symbolism, and awe-inspiring scale, the presentation had architects furiously jotting notes.

By the end, there wasn't a single person in the room who didn't want to take a pilgrimage—if only to admire the craftsmanship up close.

Here's to IIA Lucknow for crafting an event as iconic as the structures they design!





THE WANDERING ARCHITECTS

A Saga of Celebrations, Walks, and Food Trails to mark Women's day



In a display of unparalleled enthusiasm and a knack for combining architecture with adventure, the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) chapters across Telangana, Odisha, and even Jaipur embarked on a series of unique “women’s celebrations and walks” that will go down in history as the most eclectic mix of camaraderie, cardio, and cuisine ever attempted.



Who knew that a shared passion for design, food, and fun could unite women architects in such deliciously unpredictable ways? The IIA Women’s Celebrations Walks are now officially the gold standard for blending professional camaraderie with personal indulgence.



Celebrating Excellence: Architects from Odisha and Navi Mumbai were felicitated for their outstanding contributions.



Empowering Dialogues: Panel discussions in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Ludhiana, and Navi Mumbai featured esteemed speakers from the government and architectural community.

Wellness & Connection: Yoga sessions, cake cutting, and discussions in Jammu, Kalyan Centre, and Kolhapur added a personal and celebratory touch.

IIA’s celebrations highlighted the impact of women architects, reaffirming a commitment to equity and innovation in design.

IIA NATIONAL AWARDS

a thrilling architectural concord

Architects from all over the country went through the grind of presenting their best projects to a jury that seemed to have a PhD in picking apart every detail—an experience more intense than a site inspection in the middle of summer. But in the end, the best projects shone through, receiving well-deserved accolades in various categories, proving that great design truly has no boundaries.

Once the serious business was done, it was time to let loose. The grand bash that followed could have rivaled any awards ceremony in Hollywood, as architects traded in their sketching pens for dancing shoes. Amidst the celebration, one thing was clear: the future of Indian architecture is not just in good hands, but in hands that know how to have a great time. Here's to the winners and the after-party that ensured everyone left with more than just a trophy!



ANVESHAN 2024

Trivandrum's Zero-Waste Treasure Hunt for Architectural Wisdom



IIA Anveshan: Trivandrum's International Research Conference wasn't just another debate on glass facades—it was an exploration (yes, that's what Anveshan means) into architecture's very soul. Tradition, sustainability, and innovation intertwined seamlessly, all while keeping the carbon footprint minimal.

Wisdom from the Past, Solutions for the Future: From Bharatiya construction techniques to indigenous knowledge systems, Anveshan highlighted how solutions to urbanization and climate change might already exist—perhaps hidden in archives or ancient craftsmanship. Experts delved into sustainable design and cultural nuances, proving that architecture isn't just about buildings—it's about stories, heritage, and a sustainable future.



YOUNG ARCHITECTS FESTIVAL, GOA



Where Innovation Meets Susegad

The IIA Young Architects Festival in Goa—a heady cocktail of creativity, camaraderie, and just a hint of feni-fueled inspiration! With the theme Inspiring Innovation, this year’s festival brought together the brightest young minds in architecture to brainstorm, bond, and bask in Goa’s irresistible vibe.



Goa proved to be the perfect backdrop for exploring innovation—not just in architecture but in the fine art of balancing work and play. Attendees left with notebooks full of ideas, pockets full of sand, and a renewed appreciation for sun, sea, and sustainable design.

PINK PRINT IN ODISHA

Where Women Architects Built the Future and Wore It Too

The first-ever Pink Print international event in Odisha was more than a celebration—it was a masterclass in how women architects excel both at the drafting table and on the runway.



More than just a fashion show, Pink Print celebrated the talent, creativity, and resilience of women architects. With panel discussions and networking sessions, the event highlighted how women are reshaping the field with flair.



Inspired by landmark buildings, avant-garde clothing designs took centre stage, modelled by architects themselves. The event seamlessly blended art, architecture, and empowerment, proving that women architects don’t just design landmarks—they are the landmarks.



IIA KERALA HOSTS SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2024

A Blueprint for Brilliance

The IIA Kerala Chapter, with its vibrant Kannur Centre, successfully hosted the Southern Regional Conference 2024. This gathering brought together top architects from across South India for a day of knowledge exchange, networking, and lively discussions (architects and their design debates!).



The highlight was a captivating presentation by Pritzker Prize winner Alejandro Aravena, a global architectural icon. His talk, demonstrating the boundless nature of innovation, left the audience both inspired and slightly envious ("Why didn't we think of that?").

This conference wasn't just an event; it was a celebration of creativity and collaboration, setting a new standard for architectural excellence in the region.

UIA- KUALALAMPUR

Building Bridges, Shaping Futures - India Leads the Way!



IIA EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

called Purvoday 2024



Lit up Ranchi from December 20th to 22nd, proving that architecture isn't just about buildings, but about building connections (and, occasionally, bragging rights). Over three jam-packed days, architects from across the eastern region engaged in deep discussions, shared cutting-edge ideas, and discovered that Ranchi in December is best enjoyed with a warm cup of chai.

Purvoday 2024 wasn't just an event; it was an experience—a celebration of architectural brilliance in the heart of Ranchi. Kudos to the organizers for crafting a conference that blended tradition, innovation, and the unique warmth of the eastern region. Ranchi, you didn't just host Purvoday—you owned it!



The UIA International Forum 2024 in Kuala Lumpur focused on sustainable urban development. India, represented by the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), won the bid to host UIA Forum 2027 at Jio World, BKC, Mumbai. This marks a significant achievement, showcasing India's architectural leadership on the global stage.



ARCASIA 2025

a resounding success

The Arcasia Forum 22 in Sri Lanka was a successful event that brought together architects for discussions, cultural exchanges, and competitions. The event highlighted the importance of sustainable urbanization through the unveiling of India's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Manual. India successfully bid to host Arcasia 2026, presented by Tushar Sogani, with a winning pitch sweetened by the promise of unlimited masala chai. Other panel presentations by Jitender Mehta, and Debatosh, The cultural night was a highlight of the event, with India tying for second place with Pakistan, while Nepal took first place. Team India also excelled in the sports events, winning golf and cricket Arcasia cup, The event strengthened regional unity and generated excitement for future events.

IIA-PL RAIPUR

Compete, Conquer, Repeat



The IIA PL Sports Fiesta in Raipur was a smash hit—literally, with shuttles flying, balls spinning, and wickets tumbling! Cricket saw intense battles, badminton had smashing performances, and TT was a game of quick reflexes. In the end, sportsmanship won, egos took a beating, and everyone left a champion!

BIG WINS

INDIA TO HOST ARCASIA 2026

INDIA TO HOST UIA FORUM 2027

IIA WINS THE ASIA CUP IN CRICKET

IIA WINS THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

FOUNDATION SQUAD

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